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THE PRESIDENT WILL COMMAND

In the Future the Contemplated Movements of Land and Naval Forces Will Be Kept Secret.

PLANS BEING ARRANGED

Everything For the Invasion of Cuba is Shortly to Be Completed—The Plans Being Cunningly Laid.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Authorities of the war and navy departments have practically adopted a system of censorship over all dispatches going out or coming into the United States through cables. Hereafter the policy of the secretaries as to military and naval movements which Spain has inaugurated will be carried out in the United States.

Its intention is to give no official information as to contemplated movements. No information whatever as to plans affecting either army or navy is to be made public. Only news of events which have happened will be available for publication. Nevertheless it is known that the president has determined there shall be no immediate invasion of Cuba.

The army will be sent forward at the earliest possible moment after a sufficient number of men can be equipped. Most of them will be compelled to carry Springfield rifles as it has been impossible to secure a full supply of Krag-Jorgensen arms.

While there has been some difficulty in securing arms and ammunition the chief trouble has arisen over the lack of adequate supplies in the quartermaster-general's department.

Every officer in the army who has had any experience with the climate of Cuba has called attention to the absolute necessity of protecting the men from the miasmas which arise from that tropical soil after sunset. It is urged that to send men to Cuba without proper provisions in the matter of tents, would be to send at least twenty-five per cent of the unacclimated boys from the north to certain death from the fevers which prevail there.

Congress has seen fit to criticize the slowness of the administration in preparing its army of invasion, but congress alone is responsible for the inability of the officials to move the army.

For thirty years now while peace has prevailed it has been impossible to introduce laws making power to prepare for war, and when war came suddenly the authorities were utterly unable, even with fifty million dollars in the emergency fund, to buy in a day what should ordinarily take months to construct, still, since April 21st, the officers of the quartermaster and commissary department of the army have made strenuous efforts to supply deficiencies which congressional shortsightedness had created. As a result, it is learned today that fifty thousand men can be comfortably housed in tents by the middle of next week, and it is likely that an army of even greater numbers than that can be fully equipped and embarked from the Florida coast by that time. In any event the president has determined that the long delayed efforts to save the lives of the remaining reconcentrados shall be made without further delay and he has issued the necessary orders, which will result in the movement towards Cuba of a great body of United States troops with adequate supplies for a long campaign and food enough to feed the starving. Thousands of tons of bread and meat, products and other supplies for the commissary department have already been shipped to Gulf and Florida ports. Transports enough have been engaged to insure the safe conduct of supplies, and in addition to this Commodore Watson knows just where the landing will be made and he is understood to have protected all his plans for covering the landing of troops, but whether the movement will start tomorrow, or not before next Monday, is one of the secrets which the president will not trust to his most trusted friends and associates, while it is generally known that all the details of the in-

vasion have been carefully planned by the administration, and it is doubtful if there are three men in the United States outside of the chief magistrate, who know just what time orders to start will be issued.

BLOCKADERS ARE ON GUARD

A Vigilant Lookout is Being Maintained Off the Cuban Coast.

KEY WEST, May 17.—[On board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Kate Spencer, off Havana, May 16.]—Ships of the American blockading squadron are keeping a vigilant watch for the appearance of the Spanish fleet, and will be taken by surprise should Spanish men-of-war round Cape Antonio, the westernmost point of Cuba, and swoop down upon Havana. All our ships have been warned of the possibility of such a move, and our sailors are kept constantly in the tops, where they can sweep the horizon for 30 miles. The torpedo-boats and fast yachts of the auxiliary fleet keep the blockading ships in constant communication with Key West, whence the movements of the vessels are being directed.

The general opinion is that there will be no movement of the army in the direction of Cuba so long as the Spanish fleet remains in American waters, or until it is met and beaten.

AN ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

A Second Effort Made to Kill E. E. McClintock of the Santa Fe.

PUEBLO, Col., May 17.—E. E. McClintock, city passenger agent of the Santa Fe railroad, received by mail today a small wood box, and when he opened it an explosion occurred, which burned his head and hands. An examination disclosed the fact that the box contained four inch-sticks of dynamite, still the cap attached to it only exploded. Several weeks ago some unknown person shot at Mr. McClintock on the street at night, but he does not know who his enemy is.

BLOCKADE RUNNER BEACHED

Crew Run the Schooner Ashore and Abandon Her—A Lively Chase.

KEY WEST, May 18.—The torpedo boat Dupont sighted a fishing schooner off the coast yesterday trying to run the blockade. She put on full sail, when the Dupont fired a shot across her bow. Afterward the Dupont fired several shots at her, some taking effect while she was fleeing. The crew finally beached her and swam ashore. They fled and left the schooner high and dry.

EASTERNERS WILL BE SENT

Tenth and Fifteenth Pennsylvania Regiments Ordered to San Francisco—Strict Secrecy Observed.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The war department today ordered the Tenth regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers, which is one of Pennsylvania's crack regiments, to proceed as soon as possible to San Francisco and embark for Manila. The fifteenth and part of the Seventh and Eighth regiments of regulars will also be ordered there.

The greatest secrecy is observed regarding all movements along the Gulf coast.

It is stated tonight on good authority that the army will be in Cuba within a week. Alger issued an order tonight to all the army officers enjoining the strictest silence concerning all movements.

Gladstone's Death Expected Soon.

HAWARDON, May 17.—5 p. m.—An official bulletin just issued says: "Gladstone's condition has taken a serious turn for the worst. His death may be expected in 24 hours, as she

WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE DEAD

The "Grand Old Man" Passed Away Peacefully, After About Nine Months Illness.

HE SUFFERED INTENSE PAIN

His Mind Was Clear to the End—The Remarkable Vitality of the Man Prolonged the End.

LONDON, May 19.—W. E. Gladstone is dead. The messenger of release from weeks of suffering found a peaceful welcome. The "Grand Old Man" had craved for the release which should come with the final summons, with a sublime calm that wrung the hearts of his friends with pain. His suffering, though intermittent, was most severe. For nearly nine months he gradually subsided, and for the past three or four months the end has been apparent.

Gladstone's amazing vitality for one of such advanced age served both to prolong and intensify the agony which his terrible malady inflicted. The disease was not only malignant, but involved tuberculosis of the bones, which is one of the most painful of afflictions. Drugs were used sparingly during the past ten days, the result being that Gladstone was conscious and clear in mind, except for brief spells of delirium, which were due chiefly to weakness.

During Wednesday there was but a slow, flickering vital flame, and there were only occasional intervals of semi-consciousness until the end came at 5 o'clock this morning.

FAMINE SPREADING IN CHINA

Caused by the Rise in the Price of Breadstuffs and Last Year's Short Crops—Selling Their Daughters for Bread.

TACOMA, May 17.—Hong Kong advices per steamer Tacoma state that famine is spreading in Southern China, including Hainan islands and parts of Tonking and Anama, it being due to short crops last year and the great rise in the price of bread stuffs throughout the Orient. Inland from Canton families are selling their daughters for bread, all other means being exhausted. Chinese speculators are taking advantage of their sorry plight by charging enormous prices for rice. Hundreds of cases of actual starvation have occurred.

CHARLESTON OFF FOR MANILA

The Cruiser Started from Vallejo this Morning, With Supplies and Ammunition for Dewey's Fleet.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The cruiser Charleston got under way from Vallejo for Manila shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. Salutes were fired at Mare Island navy-yard, and employees of the yard and citizens of Vallejo, who assembled along the shore vigorously cheered the departing vessel.

The compasses of the vessel will be adjusted as she proceeds down the bay, and no stop will be made at San Francisco. On board the Charleston are a number of newspaper correspondents, among them E. Langley Jones, ordered to Manila to represent the operations of the United States forces for the Associated Press.

The Charleston was loaded with ammunition for her own guns, in addition to a large supply of powder and projectiles for Dewey's fleet. No troops were carried on the Charleston, as she

had no room for more than her crew of 380 men.

Major-General E. S. Otis, who has been ordered by the war department to proceed at once to the Philippines as second in command to Brigadier-General Wesley Merritt, has arrived here accompanied by his staff. He will not talk for publication regarding his future movements, stating that the orders he has received have already been made public.

Two battalions or nearly 700 volunteers from Oregon will arrive in this city today and will pitch their tents at the Presidio.

A hospital corps for the first and second battalions will be completed today. It is being made up of a number of scholarly young men, among whom are several druggists and doctors.

Branches of the Red Cross Society are being established throughout California, and it is proposed to call a convention to organize a state society.

A company of light cavalry is being formed in Oakland, and an infantry company of colored men will be organized there. Both will tender their services to the government.

GREAT BATTLE ALMOST DUE

Sampson's and Schley's Squadrons Will Soon Unite for a Combined Movement Against the Cape Verde Fleet

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Additional evidence indicating that a meeting between the Spanish Cape Verde squadron and that of Sampson or Schley, possibly both, is imminent is contained in a special dispatch from Washington today, which announces, on what is said to be excellent authority, that Spain's fleet in the Caribbean sea is to be met by a squadron, consisting of the armor-clads of the United States in North Atlantic waters. Preparations, it is said, are being made to effect a junction of Rear-Admiral Sampson's and the flying squadrons with all possible dispatch.

The exact whereabouts of Cervera's fleet since it sailed from Curacao is not known, but a dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, says a report has reached that place that three warships, the nationality of which it was impossible to make out, were seen last evening off the eastern extremity of Jamaica. The ships were taking a southerly course. It is supposed that the warships referred to belong to the Cape Verde fleet. Other warships have been reported off the island of Santa Lucia.

A dispatch from Cape Haytien, Hayti, says that two Spanish cruisers or gunboats are making their base of operations at Badibueri, Guanamo bay. They are known to be moving every night in the waters between Hayti and Cuba. A Haytian schooner plying between Mole St. Nicholas, Jean Rabel and Glatignua, reports through an agent of the Cuban insurgents at Port de Paix, having met Spanish vessels several times during the past few weeks. The Spaniards are supposed to hide in Cuban ports during the day, and to go out cruising at night.

It is the general opinion among naval experts that Cervera will try to slip into Cienfuegos or Havana harbor during the absence of Sampson's squadron, and destroy the American blockading vessels.

WILL GO WITH GEN. MERRITT

Three Regiments at Tampa Will Likely Go to Manila.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Inspector-General Hughes was at the war department today in connection with the assignment of troops to accompany General Merritt to the Philippines. The department realizes that Merritt will have a delicate and important duty to perform as military governor, and should have a well-disciplined force to deal with the discordant elements. There are not enough regulars in the West to furnish what Merritt thinks would be necessary, and Secretary Alger has been considering the advisability of withdrawing three regiments of the regulars from Tampa.

General Greely is making arrangements to send with the expedition six officers and fifty-five men, made up largely of telegraph operators and electricians.

SPANISH FLEET HEARD FROM

Madrid Announces the Arrival of the Spanish Fleet at Santiago de Cuba.

MADRID, May 19.—It is announced here that the Spanish squadron, under Cervera, for which the Americans have been vainly looking for some days past, has arrived at Santiago de Cuba.

BATTLESHIP OREGON SAFE

Navy Department Officially Announced Today—No Meeting of Hostile Fleets Reported.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—There has been no meeting yet between the hostile fleets in the neighborhood of Cuba. That was all that could be learned this morning at the navy department. If the department is aware of the location of the Spanish squadron, it is carefully concealing the fact by this time, supposing Schley to have gone southward, he should be somewhere off the coast of Cuba, and it may be has joined forces with Sampson.

Secretary Long this morning said: "It can be stated positively and officially that the Oregon is safe, but it cannot be properly made known where she is."

There is reason to believe that the department was informed today that the Oregon had joined Sampson's fleet, though no official admission on this point has yet been made. It is believed the big battle-ship left Bahia on the 10th, or the morning of the 11th. The same average speed made on the way around Cape Horn would place her in the Windward passage today. If this belief is well founded the department will be relieved of a great load of apprehension and it will be able to proceed at once to the prosecution of a plan of campaign that was very desirable, but impossible of execution so long as the safety of the Oregon was at stake.

The complete isolation of Blanco from the outside world is now looked upon by the leading military and naval authorities as an essential move, and steps, it is said, will be taken immediately to cut the cables which leave Cuba at Santiago. The right to cut these cables within the three-mile limit constituting Spain's jurisdiction is not doubted by the authorities.

It is reported from Key West that Commodore Watson has started for Havana with United States squadron No. 3 to work in harmony with the squadrons under Rear Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley. Commodore Watson took his fleet from Key West singly. He has been coaling for several days, and the coal is piled high on the decks. His fleet consists of the powerful monitors Paritan and Miantonomah, the cruisers Cincinnati and Helena, the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul, the torpedo-boats Ericsson, Dupont, Foote and Cushing, and the gunboats Bancroft, Hamilton, Dolphin, Morrill, Eagle, Wasp and Hawk.

SUPPLIES FOR THE PHILIPPINES

The City of Sydney and City of Pekin as Transports.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Unless the official program changes within the next twenty-four hours, two ship loads of troops and military supplies will leave San Francisco tomorrow or Saturday. The City of Pekin and the City of Sydney will be used as transports. The cruiser Charleston, having been delayed, will probably act as convoy. It is expected Major-General Otis will accompany the expedition.

Delay in sending the expedition has been made necessary by the fact that the Pacific troops lacked proper equipment.

Dr. Logan in Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Dr. Hugh Logan and wife, of The Dalles, Oregon, have arrived here on their wedding trip. They were escorted around the capitol by Congressman Ellis today.

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"WEBFOOT" BOYS AT 'FRISCO

Their Camp Visited By Many Prominent Californians.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—The eight companies of Oregon volunteers arrived last night. They are camped alongside of the first battalion of and are already down to routine work.

The Oregon boys have heretofore been lonely for want of visitors. That, however, is in the dim past, as friends and visitors called at the camp early this morning to welcome the "webfoot" lads.

Colonel Summers expressed his gratification this morning at the welcome he and his company received upon their arrival yesterday. Mayor Phelan was also very kind, he said, in providing a band for his troops. The men of the first Oregon regiment have already a very warm spot in their hearts for the San Franciscans.

TROUBLE IMMINENT IN SAMOA

Warship Bennington to Protect U. S. Interests on the Island.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 19.—Hawaiian advices received today state that the United States warship Bennington left Honolulu on the 11th of May on receipt of documents by Capt. Nichols from San Francisco. She sailed under sealed orders, and it was impossible to learn her destination. Before her departure she was cleared for action, her masts being taken down and material taken on board for the purpose of making quick repairs. Before leaving she was painted lead grey.

War is inevitable in Samoa. The rebel flag has been raised on the island. The rebels are not organized, but are becoming so. A German warship is expected daily, and press reports state that the American gunboat on route is to protect the large American interests.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION

Mortar Blows Up at Baker City and Fatally Injures a Boy.

BAKER CITY, May 19.—As the Idaho troops, bound for San Francisco, pulled in on the train tonight a mortar, fired as a salute, exploded. A large crowd had assembled to welcome the volunteers and pieces of dismembered guns were hurled among them. A boy named Curtis Spencer was fatally injured, and J. H. Parker, Mrs. W. Good and E. A. Worswick were injured more or less seriously.

A little boy asked for a bottle of "get up in the morning as fast as you can," the druggist recognized a household name for "DeWitt's Little Early Risers" and gave him a bottle of those famous little pills for constipation, sick headache, liver and stomach troubles. Snipes Kierley Drug Co.

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